

(SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA)

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar has furnished a detailed report about the affairs of the Town Municipal Council, Robertsonpet and has recommended to appoint the Assistant Commissioner, Kolar Sub-Division, as Administrator of the Town Municipal Council, Robertsonpet from 30th July 1972. The Question of appointing the Administrator to the Town Municipal Council is being examined separately and orders will be issued within 30th July 1972.

SRI A. V. MUNISWAMY.—From the statement of the Hon'ble Minister it is evident that there are serious irregularities. May I know why proper steps were not taken to supersede the Municipality and appoint a Commission of Enquiry to look into the matter?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The term of the present Council will expire on 30th July 1972 i.e., after 10 days I do not think the question of superseding arises.

10-00 A. M.

Re: Bus accident between Gokak Mills and Gokak in June 1972

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU (Gokak).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the bus accident in between Gokak Mills and Gokak on 25th June 1972.

*Sri Azeez Sait (Minister for Labour) I State as follows:—*On 25th June 1972 at about 1450 hours S.T. Driver Shivappa Jotiba Powar of Hukeri when driving Mysore State Road Transport Corporation bus No. MYF 3330 with 40 passengers from Gokak Road to Gokak, seeing lorry No. MYL 5193 coming from opposite direction, took the bus to the extreme left. The bus dashed against the road-side culvert. As a result, it toppled down in the ditch and 21 persons sustained injuries. Immediately 16 persons were treated in the local dispensary and the remaining 2 in the Civil Hospital, Belgaum. All have been discharged and none died.

So far no compensation have been claimed. The injured are being issued with notices to prefer claims for compensation before the Claims Tribunal under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

An offence at Cr. No. 45/72 under Section 279, 337, 338 IPC and 116 Motor Vehicles Act, has been registered at Gokak Police Station. Accused Driver is arrested and the case is under investigation.

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU.—The Government has not clarified the main cause for the accident. Will you please inform us the main cause of accident?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—The main cause of accident is due to the negligence of the driver. The driver drove the vehicle negligently and he has not exercised due care and caution while driving the vehicle. The driver has been arrested and the matter is under investigation.

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU.—Is it not a fact that there is a curve near Gokak Mills and the Government has not bestowed sufficient care to straighten that curve and this curve is responsible for this accident?

SRI AZEER SAIT.—The curve is there near the Gokak Mills. I shall bring to the Notice of the concerned Minister to take steps to straighten this curve.

SRI C. T. GUDDAKAYU.—You have stated in the statement that none died. But I have received a message from my place saying that one old lady died on account of this accident. This being so, the statement made by the Government is not correct.

SRI AZEER SAIT.—I have given the information which was available with me. If what the member says is correct, I shall examine it. If anybody has died as a result of this accident, he is entitled to get compensation as per rules. The fact that none has claimed compensations, shows that none has died. I may inform the member that even now it is not too late, if anybody has died, he may direct the relatives of the deceased person to make a claim. I will see that the claim is considered.

(iii) Re: Death of a woman due to doctors negligence at Ripponpet

SRI S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—(Hosanagar) I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the death of a woman due to negligence of a doctor working at Ripponpet.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health) I State as follows.—

1. It has been reported by the Director of Health and Family Planning Services, Bangalore that on 26th June 1972 at about 3-00 p.m. two persons from Halagadde village, Hosanagar Taluk, approached the Medical Officer of Health, Primary Health Unit, Ripponpet, requesting him to send the Midwife to conduct a delivery in Halagadde village. The Medical Officer of Health immediately instructed the Midwife to proceed to this village which is about 2½ miles from Ripponpet. The Midwife reached the village at about 6-00 p.m. Smt. Rajamma, aged about 23 years, daughter of Kalappagowda was the woman. The Midwife was called to assist at delivery. Having examined this woman, the Midwife felt that it was necessary to send for the Medical Officer of Health to conduct the delivery.

2. Sri H. S. Ramegowda, Chairman of this Village Panchayat immediately proceeded to Ripponpet and returned to the village at about 7-00 p.m. accompanied by the Medical Officer of Health, Ripponpet. Smt. Rajamma had a normal delivery at about 8-00 p.m.